

PROPOSED COMMUNITY WOOD

Meeting held at 35 Barrow Road, Burton on the Wolds
On Saturday 25th October at 2.00 p.m.

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Present: Joan & Peter Shaw
Phil Simmons
Barbara Stead
Linda & Paul Sutton
Sue Warren

Apologies: Trevor Staples
Martin Weedon
David McDermott
Marilyn Johnson
Chris Taylor

Potential Sites: Lee's Field
Tom Brown's Field
The Clump
Fishpond Plantation
Manor Lodge Farm (part of land on Nottingham Road might be available)

A lengthy discussion ensued on all of the above and their potential for woodland sites if they could be secured for this purpose. Restricted access areas within the woodland was discussed, to protect areas for wildlife. It was generally felt that permissible footpaths could possibly be put in.

Lee's field was a strong contender as it had potential for leading through to the common land and already had wooded corridors nearby which would be good link for wildlife.

Tom Brown's field it was thought probably wouldn't be available, as it is a prime site for further housing. However it was not ruled out at this stage.

Ownership of the clump needs to be clarified. Part of it is on Pepper's land and part on Walton land.

Everyone was very keen on the Fishponds Plantation as it already is a young woodland with potential for expansion, particularly the boundary of the playing field from Barrow Road up to the plantation. The subject of problems with youth and inappropriate behaviour at the top end of the plantation arose and it was thought this situation could worsen.

Regarding possibility of acquiring a piece of land at Staples farm. It was thought this might not be central enough for the village use and therefore not so accessible. Again this was not ruled out at this stage.

It was generally felt that the offer of an area of land by Edward PDL would not be accepted.

It was suggested where it was not possible to buy land perhaps it could be leased with first option to buy should it become available for sale.

The question of disabled access arose. This would be investigated with regard to grant applications, disability discrimination legislation and any requirements thereof.

The following actions are required prior to approaching any of the above.

- i) Ascertain current value of (a) arable and (b) grazing land.
- ii) Investigate the possibility of funding for leased land with first option of right to buy.
- iii) Some form of pro-forma document to be set out for each suggested proposed piece of land prior to putting forward the proposal to the landowner.
- iv) Ask if one of the counties other heritage group's had already gone down this road, with a view to getting more advice on progressing it.
- v) Paul will size land area of potential sites to help ascertain costs

It was decided that another meeting would be held to prepare the pro-forma details.

Next meeting **8 pm on Wednesday 19th November** at Phil and Diane Simmons (19 Springfield Close).

Please let Linda Sutton know on 881453 whether or not you will be able to make this meeting by Monday 17th November, to enable us to organise seating etc.